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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

☐ was filed on October 14, 2003 as United States Application Serial Number 10/658,147.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

|    | <u>Application Number</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| 2. |                           |                    |

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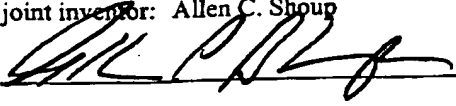
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